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The Coming of the Strangers: Life in Australia 1788-1822.
By Baiba Berzins. Collins, 1988.

The author has extensively researched the period of Australian history from 1788 to 1822 and combined the information into a balanced account of the period.

Berzins recognises the arrival of non-Aboriginal people in Australia for what it was - an invasion - and the multitude of ways this impacted on the original owners, the Aborigines. Many publications dealing with the arrival and establishment of an English culture in Australia present an English male perspective. Berzins has sensitively and realistically presented the perspectives of women, convicts and Aborigines on these events.
UP-US.

Excuse me Captain Cook, who did discover Australia? By Michael Salmon. Martin Educational, 1988.

A much-needed, simple, accurate and balanced account of the discovery of Australia. This book recognises that Aboriginal people were the first inhabitants of Australia and would be valuable in correcting many misconceptions about the 'discovery' of Australia held by many Australian adults and children. The timeline included is also important in that it brings into perspective the coming to Australia of various groups of people and the various periods of Australian history.
RECOMMENDED MP-UP.

Little bit long way. By Jim Howes. Dorr-McLeod, 1986.

This superbly illustrated and presented publication affords the reader a valuable insight into Bobby Nganmijra, story keeper of Malwan. It illustrates the significance of place to Aboriginal people, giving the reader glimpses of their complex beliefs. Bobby Nganmijra's vast knowledge of tradition and the environment, as well as his spiritual knowledge, is evident through the text. The breathtaking photography and the simplicity and sincerity of the text make for refreshing and uplifting reading. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. MP-US.

The Macquarie bedtime story book. Compiled and edited by Rosalind Price and Walter McVitty. Macquarie Library, 1987.

A large selection of children's stories collected from countries throughout the world and retold by Australian authors.